

481—61.6(135C) Facility support area.

61.6(1) Each facility shall include or provide for the following:

- a.* Living area,
- b.* Dining area,
- c.* Personal care area,
- d.* Equipment storage area,
- e.* Therapy area, and
- f.* An isolation area or method for isolating a resident, if necessary.

The size of a facility support area shall depend upon the number of licensed beds. (III)

61.6(2) Where space is provided for multipurpose dining, activities, or recreational purposes, the area shall total at least 30 square feet per licensed bed for the first 100 beds and 27 square feet per licensed bed for all beds in excess of 100. An open area of sufficient size shall be provided to permit group activities such as religious meetings or presentation of demonstrations or entertainment. (III)

61.6(3) Where space is provided to be used only for activities and recreational purposes, the area shall be at least 15 square feet per licensed bed. At least 50 percent of the required area must be in one room. (III) (Exception 4)

- a.* The activity area shall be readily accessible to wheelchair and ambulatory residents.
- b.* The activity area shall be of sufficient size to accommodate necessary equipment and to permit unobstructed movement of wheelchairs, residents and personnel responsible for instructing and supervising residents.
- c.* Space to store recreational equipment and supplies for the activities program shall be within, or convenient to, the area or areas. Locked storage shall be available for potentially dangerous items such as scissors, knives and toxic materials. (II, III)

61.6(4) Where the dining and recreation areas are separated, each area shall have:

- a.* A minimum of 180 square feet of usable floor space and be at least 10 feet in any one direction. (III)
- b.* An area of at least 15 square feet per licensed bed when the area is used for dining only. (III) (Exception 4)

61.6(5) Access to a personal care area with barber and beauty shop facilities shall be provided. (III) (Exception 4)

61.6(6) An equipment storage area shall be available for each nursing unit for immediate storage of walkers, wheelchairs, bed rails, intravenous stands, inhalators, air mattresses and similar bulky equipment. (III)

61.6(7) An alcove or area shall be provided for parking stretchers and wheelchairs. (III) (Exception 2)

61.6(8) Rescinded IAB 12/6/06, effective 1/10/07.

61.6(9) A therapy area shall contain a lavatory or sink, a full-length mirror, a storage facility, a work counter, or space for the appropriate equipment and shall have a minimum floor area of 180 square feet. (III) (Exception 3)

61.6(10) Plans and methods for the isolation of residents, if necessary, shall be provided. (III)